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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 05-236442 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 3 and 7 of the specification of the present application.

2. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 2000-217032 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 5-7 of the specification of the present application.

3. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 2000-224460 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 5-7 of the specification of the present application.

4. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 2000-244803 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 5-7 of the specification of the present application.

5. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 2000-244797 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 5-7 of the specification of the present application.

6. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 2000-069352 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 5-7 of the specification of the present application.

7. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 10-341367 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 5-7 of the specification of the present application.

8. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 09-261526 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 5-7 of the specification of the present application.

9. JP 2863188 - This document corresponds to U.S. Patent Application No. 5,053,875 and EP 0 388 936 B1.

10. JP 2942359 - This document corresponds to WO 95/31066.

11. JP 05-167976

12. 2004-234623 - This document corresponds to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0197075 A1 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0196376 A1.

An English-language abstract for documents 1-8, 11 and 12 is enclosed.

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